

**CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

January 3, 2007

**CALL TO ORDER:** 4:35 P.M.

**ROLL CALL COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Mayor Michael L. Montandon  
Mayor Pro Tempore William E. Robinson  
Councilwoman Stephanie S. Smith  
Councilman Robert L. Eliason

**EXCUSED:**

Councilman Shari Buck

**STAFF PRESENT:**

City Manager Gregory Rose  
Assistant City Manager Sam Chambers  
Assistant City Manager Maryann Ustick  
Assistant City Attorney Carie Torrence  
City Clerk Karen L. Storms  
Fire Chief Al Gillespie  
Parks and Recreation Director Mike Henley  
Chief Deputy City Clerk Anita Sheldon

**VERIFICATION:** Karen L. Storms, CMC  
City Clerk

**BUSINESS:**

**1. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND/OR DIRECTION REGARDING  
CENTENNIAL-STATZ PARK.**

Parks and Recreation Director Mike Henley stated on November 15, 2006, a Special Council Work Session had been held and three preliminary master plan concepts for the 40-acre park had been presented. He stated on November 28, 2006, a community workshop had been held at Johnson Middle School to gain public input on the project.

Director Henley stated the findings of the community workshop and an online public survey would be presented, as well as Staff's recommendation. He stated direction from Council was requested to allow continuation of the planning process.

**Denise Cook, Lucchesi Galati Architects, 500 Pilot Road, Suite A, Las Vegas,** explained the first preliminary master plan concept, Plan A, had an emphasis on ballfields with a center restroom and concession; playground area with tot lot and spray park; a desert wash garden; a promenade leading to the recreation center and pool; and a police facility in the southeast corner.

Ms. Cook explained the second preliminary master plan concept, Plan B, had an emphasis on soccer fields with a recreation center; a dog park; a playground; a desert wash garden; basketball and volleyball courts; and a police facility in the southeast corner.

Ms. Cook explained the third preliminary master plan concept, Plan C, had an emphasis on separated areas for aquatics and courts with an open/common green area in the center; a recreation center with a pool/aquatics building; and recreation/swim pool areas. The tennis and basketball courts would be located near a field house in the northeast corner.

Ms. Cook reported comments from Council on November 15th included the importance for the community to come together in one place; relationships between the proposed buildings, elements and facilities; and the pros and cons of one building versus multiple buildings. She stated comments from Council also included the desirability of a large open field area with flexible multi-use, and space for an amphitheater and promenade. She stated the architects had been directed by Council to review the Centennial/Statz Park in context to other master plans under development which included Craig Ranch and the Tropical/Bruce site.

Ms. Cook reported public comments indicated the desirability of a dog park; a skate park; a separate cycling area; aerobic spaces; garden and patio areas; baseball and soccer fields; basketball and tennis courts; Tai Chi classes; an amphitheater; and a large turf area for multi-use.

Ms. Cook further reported the public preferred Plan C because it offered diverse opportunities for the interests of a great number of people. She stated the highly desired features included passive uses for walking and jogging; aquatic and water park features; child play areas; family movies and concerts; supervised teen activities; individual and group picnic areas; and community meeting rooms.

Ms. Cook advised Staff recommended Plan A with a multi-generational center; a pool located away from the residential edge of the park because of noise levels; and connection of the parking areas. The recommended park amenities included two baseball fields; sports courts located near the police facility; a spray pad located near the tot lot and picnic areas; and a dog park.

Ms. Cook requested direction from Council to proceed with Staff's recommendation.

Councilwoman Smith expressed disappointment with Staff's recommendation because it was not what the public wanted. Mayor Montandon felt the recommendation was not totally contradictory of what the public wanted. He stated the surveys indicated, for instance, the public had not wanted a wedding garden nor a bocce ball court, and different people wanted a lot of different things.

Director Henley explained soccer fields were easier to program for multi-use than baseball fields because soccer fields were not fenced. However, there had been discussion to make baseball fields multi-use by elimination of the fences. He stated the City was a growing, active, recreational community with many children who needed athletic fields.

**John Jones, City of North Las Vegas, Parks and Recreation, landscape architect,** explained landscaping at the Centennial-Statz Park site was flat and well-suited for athletic fields.

Councilman Eliason asked Director Henley if the recommendation to locate the pool away from the residential edge of the site had been influenced by noise complaints at other City pools. Director Henley stated there had not been noise complaints at other pools; however, the facility at Centennial-Statz Park would be larger.

Mayor Montandon felt it was important to have the pool near the street to be visually attractive and appealing; however, he understood the noise concern with extended open pool hours. Mayor Montandon stated he did not know how the pool could be made visible from Centennial Parkway without creating noise for the residents across Statz Street.

Councilman Eliason suggested connecting the two parking lots without ruining the promenade. Ms. Cook stated people engaged in activities on the park site would then need to watch out for cars; therefore, she felt cars needed to be kept away from the internal part of the site for safety reasons.

Councilwoman Smith asked Director Henley if indoor swimming had been planned, and he responded it had been proposed for the first phase. Director Henley further replied there would be a presentation on the building in a few weeks. Councilwoman Smith stated she agreed with the concept of having the pool visible from the street.

Mayor Montandon suggested connecting the parking areas around the perimeter of the site instead of the pool edge; thereby, preserving the promenade.

Director Henley felt all park designs needed to be balanced with something for everybody; however, athletic fields were critical, and the City needed to catch up on building them and would need to plan ahead to sustain community growth.

Mayor Montandon stated Craig Ranch would have a large, open, decompression space, therefore, ballfields would be needed at other parks. Director Henley stated Staff

had the same perspective and had countered the community for that reason on the issue; however, Staff did incorporate a number of elements the community had felt were important.

**ACTION:** PRESENTATION MADE. STAFF DIRECTED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. LOCATE THE POOL ON THE CORNER OF CENTENNIAL PARKWAY AND STATZ STREET.
2. CIRCULATE THE PARKING IN AREAS OTHER THAN THE CORNER.
3. BALLFIELDS TO REMAIN AT THIS SITE AS RECOMMENDED AS LONG AS THE OPEN SPACE IS MAINTAINED AT CRAIG RANCH.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no public participation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION:** THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:03 P.M.

**MOTION:** Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson

**SECOND:** Councilman Eliason

**AYES:** Mayor Montandon, Mayor Pro Tempore Robinson, Council Members Smith and Eliason

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**APPROVED: March 21, 2007**

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Mayor Michael L. Montandon

## **ATTEST:**

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Karen L. Storms, CMC  
City Clerk